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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, BUDAPEST, JAKARTA, MOSCOW,
OTTAWA, SAIGON, USDEL JEC PARIS FROM WARSAW JULY 17.

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SUBJECT: ICCS AND US-POLISH RELATIONS

SUMMARY: THE POLES REMAIN IMPALED ON THE HORNS OF
THEIR ICCS DILEMMA. THEY NOW APPEAR TO BE LOOKING
TOWARDS THE JULY 23 PHAM VAN DONG VISIT TO WARSAW
AS AN OCCASSION DURING WHICH THEY MAY ACHIEVE SOME
"CLARIFICATION" OF THEIR POSSIBILITIES FOR GETTING
THEMSELVES OFF THE HOOK. MEANWHILE, THEY CONTINUE
TO TREAT US-POLISH RELATION IN THE SPIRIT OF THE
PRESIDENT'S WARSAW VISIT, PARTICULARLY SO FAR
AS PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS ARE CONCERNED. END SUMMARY.

1. ON THE EVE OF USIA DIRECTOR JAMES KEOGH'S VISIT
TO POLAND (JULY 12-14), WE RECEIVED AN INFORMAL INDIC-
TION THAT THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO ARRANGE A HIGH-LEVEL
APPOINTMENT FOR HIM HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY WHAT THE
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POLISH GOVERNMENT INTERPRETED AS A " REBUFF" TO ITS
REQUESTS FOR A MEETING AT HELSINKI BETWEEN FOREIGN
MINISTER OLSZOWSKI AND THE SECRETARY. COMMENTING
TO ME ON THE POLISH EFFORT TO ARRANGE A MEETING, VICE

FOREIGN MINISTER BISZTYGA (WHO WAS AT HELSINKI WIYH OLSZOWSKI) NOTED MATTER-OF -FACTLY THAT THE REQUEST HAD FIRST BEEN MADE IN WASHINGTON AND THAT HE HAD REITERATED IT TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL AT HELSINKI WHEN THEY MET DURING THE CSCE. HOWEVER, HE SAID, THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE FROM THE US SIDE. HE ADDED THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES SPECULATED THAT THIS "REBUFF" MIGHT CONSTITUTE THE US RESPONSE TO THE RE-STATEMENT OF THE POLISH POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS WHICH GIEREK HAD MADE TO ME ON JUNE 30. BISZTYGA SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE MEETING, SINCE OLSZOWSKI HAD INTENDED TO TRY TO PUT THE ICCS MATTER INTO "A LARGER PERSPECTIVE" IN HIS PROJECTED CONVERSATION WITH THE SECRETARY, WHILE THE FIRST SECRETARY'S BRIEF WAS RESTRICTED TO DEALING WITH THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE.

2. I TOLD BISZTYGA THAT, IF THERE WERERE ADDITIONAL POINTS THE POLES WISHED TO MAKE REGARDING ICCS AND THEIR PARTICIPATION, THEY COULD BE PRESENTED, FOR EXAMPLE, BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI TO DIRECTOR KEOGH ON JULY 14 OR BY AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI IN WASHINGTON. BISZTYGA SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE "AWKWARD," SINCE EVERYTHING HAD BEEN GEARED TO A PRESENTATION BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. I ASKED BISZTYGA WHAT CONCLUSIONS HIS GOVERNMENT HAD DRAWN FOLLOWING VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CZAPLA'S VISIT TO HANOI. BISZTYGA DID NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION, SAYING INSTEAD THAT THE SITUATION SHOULD BE CLARIFIED DURING THE DRV VISIT SCHEDULED FOR JULY 23.

4. OUR CONCERN THAT DIRECTOR KEOGH'S VISIT MIGHT BE MARRED BY THIS POLISH REACTION WAS NOT BORNE OUT BY EVENTS. THE DIRECTOR WAS CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS BISZTYGA AND SPASOWSKI (THE LATTER ENTERTAINED HIM AT LUNCH). VIET-NAM AND THE ICCS ISSUE WERE NOT MENTIONED. INSTEAD, BISZTYGA PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE LONG-CONFIDENTIAL

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RANGE REQUIREMENTS OF US-POLISH CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND INFORMATIONAL EXCHANGES, A PROPOSAL THE DIRECTOR SAID WE MIGHT CONSIDER. BISZTYGA CLEARLY HAD IN MIND THE POLISH DESIDERATUM OF PREPARING A DOCUMENT ON EXCHANGES FOR AN EVENTUAL GIEREK VISIT TO THE US, BUT DID NOT MAKE THIS EXPLICIT. (HE MENTIONED RFE ONLY IN PASSING, KEEPING HIS REFERENCE WITH THE BOUNDS OF THE CURRENT POLISH POLICY OF NOT MAKING A FUSS ABOUT THE STATION.)

5. AT THE SAME TIME AS THE POLISH AUTHORITIES WERE GRAPPLING WITH THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO REGISTER THEIR UNHAPPINESS AT US UNRESPONSIVEMESS TO OLSZOWSKI'S

REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WITHOUT GIVING US GROUNDS FOR OFFENSE, WE WERE INFORMED THAT CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE JABLONSKI WOULD RECEIVE ME JULY 16 FOR PRESENTATION OF THE MOON ROCK. (I ALSO DELIVERED TO HIM THE INVITATION TO THE POLISH PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.)

6. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION, JABLONSKI SPENT MORE THAN HALF AN HOUR IN DISCUSSION WITH ME OF THE CURRENT STATE OF US-POLISH RELATION. IN A CERY POSITIVE INITIAL RESUME OF OUR RELATIONS, HE OMMITTED MENTION OF THE ICCS ISSUE. I THEREFORE TOLD HIM THAT WE CONTINUED TO BE DISSATISFIED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE POLISH ICCS DELEGATION AND THAT I VERY MUCH HOPED WE WOULD SOON SEE A CHANGE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. JABLONSKI RESPONDED TO THIS BY SAYING THAT THE SITUATION WAS COMPLICATED, THAT THE POLISH POSITION WAS NOT ONE THEY HAD TAKEN"OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL," AND THAT THE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION WAS TO GET THE TWO WARRING SOUTH VIETNAMESE SIDES TOGETHER SO THEY COULD RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS DIRECTLY. HE REGRETTEED THAT THIS MATTER HAD BECOME ONE WHICH AFFECTED US-POLISH RELATIONS,, REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MITREGA-KACZMAREK VISIT.

7. I THEN SAID THAT, WHILE WE CERTAINLY AGREED THE SITUATION WAS A COMPLICATED ONE, WE FELT THE ICCS CONFIDENTIAL

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HAD A DEFINITE ROLE TO PLAY, WHICH, IF IT WERE CORRECTLY REALIZED, COULD BE VERY HELPFUL. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS EFFECT, IT WAS NECESSARY, HOWEVER, FOR THE ICCS TO OPERATE AS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED AND TO TAKE UP AND DEAL OBJECTIVELY WITH THE COMPLAINTS OF BOTH SIDES. IT WAS IN THIS AREA, WHICH HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN US (SPASOWSKI, WHO WAS PRESENT, CONFIRMED THIS), THAT I HOPED THERE WOULD BE IMPROVEMENT.

8. COMMENT: THE POLES REMAIN IMPALED ON THE HORNS OF THEIR ICCS DILEMMA. OLSZOWSKI'S INABILITY TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY STUNG. FOR THE MOMENT, THEY ARE WALKING THE TIGHT-ROPE OF COMBINING PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS OF CONTINUING GOOD US-POLISH RELATION WITH INFORMAL AND MUTED EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN. THUS, WHILE BISZTYGA IS GIVEN THE JOB OF SALVING WOUNDED NATIONAL PRIDE BY INDICATING THAT CONDITIONS FOR DIRECTOR KEOGH'S VISIT MIGHT NOT BE AS GOOD AS THEY WOULD BE OTHERWISE, ARRANGEMENTS ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY MADE FOR A CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION OF THE MOON-ROCK TO THE TITULAR CHIEF OF STATE, THE JOHNSON WAX

"OBJECTS-USA" EXHIBIT IS OPENED IN WARSAW IN AN ATMOSPHERE
OF WARM COLLABORATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, AND
USIA'S ENVIRONMENT EXHIBIT OPENS IN KATOWICE IN
THE PRESENCE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY.

8. THE IMPRESSION THIS CREATES IS THAT NO DECISION
HAS BEEN MADE LOOKING TOWARDS A RESOLUTION OF TH
ICCS PROBLEM AND THAT, MEANWHILE, US-POLISH RELA-
TIONS ARE TO BE KEPT SO FAR AS POSSIBLE ON AN EVEN
KEEL, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESIDENT'S WARSAW VISIT --
PARTICULARLY, IT SHOULD BE NOTED, SO FAR AS PUBLIC
MANIFESTATIONS ARE CONCERNED. END COMMENT.

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